

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device for securing to a vehicle windscreen, comprising:

a screen which, when the device is in an in-use disposition on the vehicle windscreen, serves to impair a driver's view through the windscreen, wherein the screen is changeable from a first configuration to a second configuration, the first configuration being more compact than the second configuration;

a grip for holding said screening means in said in-use disposition on said windscreen by suction;

a release mechanism for enabling release of the suction of said grip so as to allow removal of the device from the windscreen; and

security mechanism for preventing unauthorised operation of said releasing means.

42. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, further comprising a pump handle that is operable by the user of the vehicle immobilisation device to produce the suction in the grip.

43. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 42, wherein said pump handle is formed and arranged so as to serve also as a grip handle for lifting and carrying the vehicle immobilisation device.

44. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, comprising a housing for said releasing mechanism, and a cover moveable between an open position allowing access to said release mechanism and a closed position preventing access to said release mechanism, said security mechanism serving to lock said cover in said closed position.

45. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 44, wherein said cover comprises a hinged lid.

46. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 44, wherein said cover also acts as said screen.

47. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein a plurality of said grips are provided and wherein a cover and security mechanism are provided separately for each of said plurality of grips.

48. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, further comprising a protective layer arranged to cushion the vehicle windscreen from contact with the device during fitting and when in said in-use disposition on said vehicle windscreen.

49. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 48, wherein said protective layer is formed of high density foam.

50. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, comprising a grip protector for preventing access to said grip from the under-side of the device facing the windscreen when in said in-use disposition.

51. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 49, wherein said protective layer is arranged around said suction grip means so as to serve as a grip protector.

52. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein said device assumes a substantially flat profile when in said in-use disposition.

53. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein parts of the device visible from the exterior of the vehicle when the device is in said in-use disposition are decorated in a highly visible finish.

54. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 53, wherein said highly visible finish is a reflective finish.

55. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein said screen comprises a plurality of screen portions.

56. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 55, wherein said screen portions are arranged and connected so as to be foldable or operable to be rolled up.

57. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein said screen comprises two screen portions which are hingeably connected together.

58. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein said screen means comprises rubber.

59. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the screen further comprises a plurality of rigid formings.

60. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed claim 58, wherein said screening means is sonically welded to the suction grip means.

61. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, where said grip comprises one or more suction cups.

62. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, wherein the width of the device is of the order of $2d \tan \theta$, where d is an estimate of the distance from the driver's eye to the vehicle windscreen, and θ is greater than 5° .

63. (New) A method for securing a vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 41, to a vehicle windscreen, comprising the steps of:

changing said screen from said first configuration to said second configuration;

arranging said screen on the vehicle windscreen in said in-use disposition so as to impair a driver's view through the windscreen;

activating said grip means so as to hold said screening means in said in-use disposition on said windscreen by means of suction; and

activating said security mechanism so as to prevent unauthorised operation of said release mechanism.

64. (New) A method as claimed in claim 63, wherein said screen is said vehicle windscreen such that the centre of the screening means is substantially in the driver's line of vision.

65. (New) A method as claimed in claim 63, wherein the vehicle immobilisation device is placed on the exterior of the vehicle windscreen.

66. (New) A method as claimed in claim 63 further comprising the step of applying an information sticker to the windscreen.

67. (New) A method for removing a vehicle immobilisation device secured to a vehicle windscreen by a method as claimed in claim 63, comprising the steps of:

de-activating said security mechanism so as to enable operation of said release mechanism;

operating said released mechanism to deactivate said suction grip means;

removing the vehicle immobilisation device from the vehicle windscreen; and

changing said screen from said second configuration to said first configuration.

68. (New) A method of preventing a vehicle from being driven away, comprising attaching a device as claimed in claim 41 to a vehicle windscreen.

69. (New) A screen of a vehicle immobilisation device, the screen being changeable from a first configuration to a second configuration, the first configuration being more compact

than the second configuration and having means for allowing engagement with a grip of the device.

70. (New) A vehicle immobilisation device for securing to a vehicle windscreen, comprising:

screening means which, when the device is in an in-use disposition on the vehicle windscreen, serves to impair a driver's view through the windscreen, wherein the screening means is changeable from a first configuration to a second configuration, the first configuration being more compact than the second configuration;

suction grip means for holding said screening means in said in-use disposition on said windscreen by suction;

releasing means for enabling release of the suction of said suction grip means so as to allow removal of the device from the windscreen; and

security means for preventing unauthorised operation of said releasing means.

71. (New) A method for securing a vehicle immobilisation device as claimed in claim 70 to a vehicle windscreen, comprising the steps of:

changing said screening means from said first configuration to said second configuration;

arranging said screening means on the vehicle windscreen in said in-use disposition so as to impair a driver's view through the windscreen;

activating said grip means so as to hold said screening means in said in-use disposition on said windscreen; and

activating said security means so as to prevent unauthorised operation of said releasing means.

72. (New) A method for removing a vehicle immobilisation device secured to a vehicle windscreen by a method as claimed in claim 71, further comprising the steps of:

de-activating said security means so as to enable operation of said releasing means;

operating said releasing means to deactivate said suction grip means;

removing the vehicle immobilisation device from the vehicle windscreen; and
changing said screening means from said second configuration to said first
configuration.